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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CONAKRY KHARTOUM NAIROBI INFO USUN NEW
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1. CAREFUL SELECTIVITY YOUR PRESENTATIONS SHOULD SEEK
AVOID KINDLING PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED HOST GOVERNMENT
SUSPICIONS ON SENSITIVE ASPECTS OVERALL TERRORISM ISSUE
WHICH CAUSE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN GETTING AFRICAN VOTES
AND FOCUS THEIR CONCERN ON CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE U. S.
APPROACH IN REGIONAL CONTEXT.

2. TO EXTENT POSTS DEEM IT WOULD INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS,
SUGGEST IN YOUR APPROACHES EMPHASIZING PRIMARILY POINT
RE NEED FOR UNSC HELP BREAK CYCLE OF VIOLENCE BY BALANCED
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RESOLUTION DEALING WITH ALL FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST. POST SHOULD CONSIDER STRESSING REGIONAL CONTEXT ISSUE NOW BEFORE COUNCIL AND IMPERATIVE CESSATION ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST TO RESTORE ATMOSPHERE FOR EFFORTS TOWARD SETTLEMENT ON BASIS SC RESOLUTION 242. IN AFRICAN CONTEXT, AVOIDANCE OF GENERALIZATIONS AND OF TERMS SUCH AS QUOTE PRIVATE GROUPS UNQUOTE WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ISRAELI- ARAB CONFLICT, IS HOPEFULLY BEST WAY DEALING WITH RESERVATIONS ARISING FROM ISSUE OF SELF- DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH UNRELATED TO IMMEDIATE ISSUE BEFORE SC.

3. IN LAST SC DEBATE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES (SEPT 1972 FOLLOWING MUNICH MASSACRE), BOTH GUINEA AND SUDAN OPPOSED ALL MAJOR AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE BALANCED SC RESOLUTIONS VETOED BY US. (VOTE WAS 13 FOR, US OPPOSED, PANAMA - ABSTAIN.) MUCH, HOWEVER, HAS HAPPENED IN INTERVENING MONTHS. CABRAL ASSASSINATION DEMONSTRATED VIOLENCE DOUBLE- EDGED SWORD, AND KHARTOUM MURDERS THAT NO COUNTRY IMMUNE FROM ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR TERRORISM UNRELATED TO ITS IMMEDIATE CONCERNS. KENYA MAY ALSO HAVE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN. POST MAY UTILIZE LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO ILLUSTRATE YOUR POINT. UNQUOTE ROGERS

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